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FOR MOOSE FROM EASUM

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJECT: LAGOS SCENE-SETTER

1. I THINK WE ARE IN GOOD ORDER IN PREPARATION FOR PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL.

2. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED OUR FIRST SOLID INDICATIONS OF ECONOMIC SUBJECTS LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY OBSANJO IN SUNDAY MORNING'S BILATERALS. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

--- NIGERIA SEEKS ADDITIONAL FINANCING FROM THE US FROM EITHER PRIVATE OR PUBLIC SECTOR SOURCES. IT IS ALSO CONSIDERING USE OF IMF THIRD WINDOW.
--- NIGERIA WISHES EXPAND ITS PERSONNEL TRAINING PROGRAMS AND WOULD LIKE USG TO SHARE THE COST (E.G., BY SALARY SUPPLEMENTATION FOR VISITING US EXPERTS).
--- NIGERIA FAVORS INCREASED US INVESTMENT, PARTICULARLY IN MANUFACTURING BASED ON LOCAL RAW MATERIALS. TOO MUCH EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED IN THE PAST ON NIGERIA'S IMPORTS OF FINISHED GOODS.
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--- NIGERIA HOPES THAT US PURCHASES OF NIGERIAN OIL WILL NOT DECLINE. A DECISION ON US IMPORTS OF NIGERIAN NATURAL GAS WOULD ENCOURAGE PROGRESS ON NIGERIAN LNG PROJECT.
--- NIGERIA WOULD LIKE TO BENEFIT FROM GSP AND BE SPARED THE RESTRICTIONS OF H.R.-5262 (WHICH PROHIBITS USE OF USG DEVELOPMENT FUNDS IN CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS WHOSE PRODUCTS WOULD BE COMPETITIVE WITH AMERICAN PRODUCTS, E.G.

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SOYBEANS, PALM OIL, CITRUS FRUITS).

3. HORMATS WILL REVIEW ECONOMIC AGENDA WITH AFOLABI
THIS AFTERNOON AT 5 P.M.

4. WITH REGARD TO PROPOSED FRONT LINE MEETING ON RHODESIA, SALIM
IS THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS SHOWED UP. MOGWE AND MWALE ARE STILL
CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLES. VERY DOUBTFUL THAT ANYONE ELSE WILL
COME.

5. AIG PRESENTED COMPROMISE PROPOSALS THIS MORNING TO DIRECTOR
OF INSURANCE AND TO MINISTRY OF TRADE WITH INDIFFERENT
RESULTS. LEFEVRE WAS PICKED UP AGAIN THIS MORNING FOR QUESTION-
ING REGARDING ALLEGED FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALINGS. DETENTION ORDER
WAS ISSUED VALID UNTIL 3 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON. PRESS ATTENTION
TO THE CASE HAS SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISHED BUT MAY PICK UP AGAIN.
AT ANDY'S REQUEST I BRIEFED JODY POWELL BY TELEPHONE YESTER-
DAY AFTERNOON URGING THAT PRESIDENT NOT BE UNNECESSARILY
ENCUMBERED WITH DETAILS OF LEFEVRE'S PROBLEMS AND THAT ALL
QUESTIONS BE REFERRED TO ME. HE AGREED.

6. JOHN DARNTON OF NEW YORK TIMES WAS REFUSED ENTRANCE THIS
MORNING AT AIRPORT AND WENT ON TO MONROVIA. USIA FILM CREW
TEMPORARILY DETAINED THIS MORNING AFTER SCRAP WITH MARKET
WOMEN UNAVOIDABLY INCLUDED IN CAMERA COVERAGE AT FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH. FMG MOVED VERY QUICKLY TO SETTLE THE MATTER AND HOPE-
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FULLY THERE WILL BE NO REPETITIONS OR REPERCUSSIONS.

7. AS FOR AUSTERE THRUST OF UPCOMING BUDGET SPEECH, US EXPORTS
WILL SUFFER IN CERTAIN AREAS (E.G. PACKAGED FOODS, WEARING
APPAREL, RICE AND AUTOMOBILES) BUT IN LONGER RUN FOREIGN INVESTMENT
IN IMPORT SUBSTITUTION MANUFACTURING AND IN AGRI-BUSINESS
SHOULD BENEFIT.

8. EKO HOTEL (HOLIDAY INN MANAGEMENT) HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT
TO ASSIST ON HOUSING AND LOGISTICS SIDE OF CARTER VISIT. THEY
MAINTAIN THEY HAVE LOST $50,000 IN ROOM CANCELLATIONS, ETC.
THEY VERY MUCH HOPE SECRETARY WOULD BE WILLING LOOK IN ON
NIGERIAN-AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S RECEPTION SUNDAY AFTERNOON
AT 5 P.M. ANDY AND I WILL BE THERE BUT BELIEVE BRIEF PARTICI-
PATION BY SECRETARY MOST HELPFUL SUPPORT OVERALL US ECONOMIC
OBJECTIVES.

9. THERE ARE STILL SOME EIGHT AREAS IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
ON WHICH WE DO NOT HAVE AGREEMENT. THE NIGERIANS ARE NOT WILLING
SO FAR TO ENDORSE THE CONTACT GROUP'S PROPOSAL ON NAMIBIA LEST
SUCH AN ENDORSEMENT BIND THEIR POSITION ONCE THE PROPOSAL IS
PUT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THEY

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ALSO WANT TO INSERT SOME VERY STRONG LANGUAGE ON SOUTH AFRICA
WHICH WOULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO GENERAL OBASANJO, BUT IT
APPEARS TO CONDEMN THE US AND WE BELIEVE THEY WILL TONE IT
DOWN SOMEWHAT. THEY ALSO DISAGREE WITH THE SENTENCE
IN OUR DRAFT REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242
IN RELATION TO THE MIDDLE EAST. THEY HAVE PROPOSED AND WE HAVE
TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING THE
COMMUNIQUE WILL BE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BILATERAL DIS-
CUSSION BETWEEN HEADS OF STATE ON SATURDAY MORNING.
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